



Exploring Danish Census records online

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OBJECTIVES:

Patrons will be able to navigate the

- Online searchable censuses
- Online scanned censuses

Background:

If you know the name, year of birth and parish of birth of your ancestor in Denmark, it is often possible to find your family for several generations in census records. The Danish census records are an excellent source to locate ancestors, but you must verify the information you find in the church records.

The Danish censuses are available:

- Online in a searchable database (not complete for the whole country yet).
http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm
If a parish is not available in the searchable database, check for it in the online scanned database.
- Online scanned censuses (not complete, can be searched by going page by page)
<https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/da/collection/theme/2>

The Danish censuses are also available on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where they can be searched free of charge. They can also be ordered to a Family History Center for a fee.

The censuses that are available online are not complete for the whole country. This is a work in progress and it is a good rule of thumb to search the indexed censuses first and if a year is missing, check the scanned searchable censuses to see if that census is available online in a scanned format.

The available censuses are:

- 1769
- 1787
- 1801, (1803 for southern Denmark)
- 1834, (1835 for southern Denmark)
- 1840
- 1845 (from this year a place of birth given)
- 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1880, 1890
- 1901, 1906, 1916, 1921, 1925, 1930, 1940

Most censuses are online up to year 1845, even though many are available for later years every parish in each county may not be complete as of yet.

Lost census records

- **1787 Census**

Bornholm County: Christiansø Parish

- **1801 Census**

Rander County: Fuglselv parish (not complete)

Tønder County: Brede parish

Frederiksborg County: Frederiksborg Slotssogn.

- **1834 Census**

Copenhagen County: Copenhagen City is lost except Skt. Annæ Østre and Skt. Annæ Vestre kvarterer.

- **1840 Census**

Hjørring County: Læsø (the whole island), Frederikshavn City

Thisted County: Mors (the whole island and Nykøbing Mors City)

Randers County: Mariager City and Grenå City

Ringkøbing County: Husby Parish and Sønder Nisum Parish

Ribe County: Varde City

Odense County: Middelfart City

Svendborg County: Fåborg City

Sorø County: Korsør City (not complete)

Frederiksborg County: Frederikssund City

Bornholm County: Svaneke City

Præstø County: Præstø City

Maribo County: Rødby City

- **1845 Census**

Ringkøbing County: Husby Parish and Sønder Nisum Parish

Ribe County: Jordrup Parish and Lejrskov Parish

- **1850 Census**

Ålborg County: Hyllebjerg Parish

Vejle County: Hornum Parish and Stouby Parish

Svendborg County: Kværndrup Parish

- **1880 Census**

Randers County: Hobro City

Copenhagen County: Brønshøj Parish

- **1890 Census**

Copenhagen County: Gentofte Parish

If a census is not online in a searchable or scanned database you should search the census on microfilm. To find which census have been transcribed (check often as this is a work in progress), go to the website:

<http://www.dis-danmark.dk/kipkort/fronta-e.php>

Here you will find which county has been completed for the different census years, as well as which censuses are in the process of being transcribed.

When you go to the website: http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm

Go to the link under “Censuses” and click on “Go to the database,” where you may choose different searches. You may choose:

- Simple search
- Advanced search-place suggestions
- Advanced search, search Individuals by household – place suggestions
- Search in more counties

We will mention two of these searches here.

If you choose “Simple search,” find a county under the tab next to “Select” under county and then choose a parish under the parish tab. Here you may enter a name under the *name tab* and then choose a year under the *Census year tab* and lastly click on the *Submit* tab. You should now see several entries for the name you entered. If you used the name “Anders” several entries with the name “Anders” will appear as well as Anders within the last name “Andersen.” The entries will give information such as age, marital status, place of birth if 1845 or later census is chosen. If one of these entries look like it may be your ancestor click on “HOUSEHOLD” at the bottom of each entry and information about every person in this household will appear.

If “advanced search” is chosen, additional information can be added to the different search fields such as: Name, Occupation, Position in household, Birth place, Year of birth and more.

If you are not sure of some of these additional search fields it is best to use the “Simple Search”

To access the online scanned censuses, go to the following website:

<https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/da/collection/theme/2>

Click on *Folketællinger* (Censuses) and a list of the different censuses will appear. Notice under “Indhold” the 1st entry is *Folketællinger 1850, København (Copenhagen) 1850-1850*. By clicking on this entry you will be able to search the 1850 census for Copenhagen City. By clicking on the 2nd. entry *Folketælling 1850, Købstæder (Cities) 1850-1850* you may search all the cities in Denmark for the year 1850. The next screen will allow you to choose a county (Amt), and then a city of your choice in that county. Then a list (like searching in the church records) will appear and you may click on each entry (page) and go page by page until you find your family. You may search for a parish by choosing the 3rd line from the top by clicking on *Folketælling 1850, Landdistrikter (1850-1850)*. Next choose a county from the arrow to the right from the “Amt” and then click on the county of your choice and a list of parishes in that county will appear and then click on a parish of your choice. This census is much slower to search than the searchable Danish census records, however this census is a copy of the actual census and therefore there is no chance of human error.

Danish Alphabet

Upper case: A-Z then three additional letters Æ, Ø, Å

Lower case: a-z then æ, ø, å (aa)

See the word list in the family Search wiki for Denmark.

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Danish_Word_List

Map outlining the counties in Denmark

<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Denmark>

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